

DR. E. C. PUTMAN.
Dr. A. J. Stoner and Miss
Alice Putman
read a clipping from the Journal, printed at Alma,
an account of the death of
John Putman, who died at that place
44 years. H. S. Wetherby
of the paper wrote the
obituary.

John Putman was born at
Alma, June 8, 1853. He was
a schoolboy in his native town
and took a course in medicine
at Louisville college, from
which he graduated.

He came to Nebraska two years ago,
and established a medical practice in City, where he
has been very successful. He moved from there to
Omaha a couple of years ago, returning
to the county, staying for a time
in the city, and afterward permanently

member of the Alma Lodge
of the Republican City
Modern Woodmen, in which
he carried on insurance
for brothers and two sisters
of whom Dr John Putman
of Sterling, Ill., one brother
and Mrs. Dr. Stoner and
Putman reside at Decatur,
and is married to Miss Radie
of Alma on November
his widow with his brothers
and a host of friends mourn

him. He was taken ill on Friday,
what seemed to be an ordinary
attack. He failed to recover
and was not thought serious
at first, but many were surprised
at his death, not knowing he was
on the train. His remains were taken to Mt. Sterling
and interred in the morning train
Funeral services were conducted
in the house at the early hour of 7
o'clock. Steward of the Baptist
Church, the K. of P. lodge
bearers, while the M. W. A.
in respect by accompanying
the train."

The three "Hubs"
McIntyre and Nourse, three
known orators America or
on the Tabernacle lecture
year. Before leaving for the
Geo F Hall booked and arranged
magnificent course, having
of the lecture bureau, giving
to others. Although we are
able to sell tickets, the public will
wait long for the appearance
of the famous Ladies' Aid, who will
cap the climax by selling you a
ticket for \$1 for eight of the greatest
entertainments ever given in our progress-

Mr. Hall's unflinching en-
durance and indomitable courage, at least
will be given the Decatur miners
the price of five before he leaves,
more than ever proving himself
one of the greatest moral, intellectual
and spiritual benefactors Decatur has
seen and is well worthy of the
tribute of the people." The
event of the year will be supplied
Welsh Prize Jubilee Singers,"
owers of song this will be worth
a dollar. Decatur can look
to the long winter evenings with
feast of reason and a flow of
will be provided at the small cost of
cents and a half cents a night, one
cent for four months at least.
glorious age in which we live,
most get something for nothing.
course has always paid
invariably given universal satisfaction
this year it is better than ever
people knowing a good thing
if see it, will give it the patronage
well deserves if only from the
self interest. Charles Yule
late Pastor Christian Tabernacle.

Sales of Real Estate.
Raupp to W. L. Hancock, 20 feet
west side of lot 15, and 20 feet
east side of lot 14 in block 1 in
West's addition to Decatur;

Emery to George Conover, lot
in the southwest quarter of 8,
lot 81

Conor McCarthy to Mary J. McCarthy
in the south half of the northeast
of 21, 18, 4 east; \$1

Emory to J. Crocker and George
Conover, lot 12 of the re-survey of lots 9,
10, 11 and 12 in the original town of Maroa;
\$2000

makes the food pure,
wholesome and delicious.



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STRIKE SITUATION.

No Change in Decatur—About the Same as Yesterday—Visitors Get Another Camp.

MINERS MET GOING TO THEIR WORK.

Failure of the Effort of the Idle Men to Persuade Miners to Quit—Business Still Active at the Mines.

It is the same old story. Springfield and other strikers in the city doing nothing to earn a living and attempting to get about 400 Decatur men who desire to remain at work to earn \$14 to \$20 a week to walk out of the mines and join them in idleness to last nobody can tell how long. It seems to be a waiting game with a wide difference in opinion among the Decatur miners as to what they ought to do. It is represented by some people that the sympathy of the Decatur people is with the miners in the general issue at stake. That may be true in part, but no such feeling exists in the city to any great extent as to the conditions now confronting the Decatur miners and our city's business interests. Among the business men generally and in the ranks of those who work in the stores and shops the feeling is that as the strikers have been permitted to address the Decatur miners who wanted to hear their arguments—which was all they asked to be permitted to do when they came here uninvited and not wanted—that having done all they said in the beginning they wanted to do, they ought to go home and look after their own jobs and their families, instead of staying here to annoy men who want to work and strive to make people of this community support them while they camp out and lay for the men as they come from their work at the shafts or meet them at early morning hours as they go with more or less nervousness to their work. It is a condition of things that would arouse considerable of a stir if it affected any other line of employment. A Decatur miner last night who heard what was to be done this morning in the way of stopping the men on their way to work, declared with considerable emphasis that so far as he was concerned he could assure the strikers that they might as well go to their homes at once and see how their own families and who were getting along—i.e. wouldn't quit under any circumstances though the strikers might camp and loaf around until the snow flies. And he said lots of the miners who had decided to remain at work thought and felt just as he did. The mine owners say they are in a legitimate and honorable business in Decatur, with a large amount of capital invested, that they pay the men for all the work they perform, that so far as they know all the men who have not gone out are satisfied with their pay, and that they intend to keep the mines open for business until further notice, excepting the same consideration and protection accorded to any other business enterprise in the community.

STRIKERS FIND A NEW CAMP.

Marched in a Body Through Decatur to the W. W. Conard Place East of the City.

There were rumors abroad in the city all day yesterday that the strike leaders of the Springfield contingent had decided to look for a camp more convenient to the Decatur coal mines and one where there would be some shelter. They were resolved to stay in Decatur until all of the coal miners had been induced to quit work, but they did not care to be exposed longer to the night air, especially during the chilly period. The first plan was to secure a suitable lot in the city, put up a tent and get bedding. That plan was abandoned during the afternoon, when an offer came from Constable W. W. Conard, who told the leaders that they might come to his place out near the Sangamon river on the Wood street road, two miles east of the city, and about that distance from the two Decatur mines and much closer to the homes of the miners. The offer was accepted by Messrs. Neil, Davis and Conroy. But few people knew of the plans, and therefore there was some surprise and perhaps a little nervousness among some of the citizens when about 7 o'clock last evening the strikers, in a large body, came marching through the city, with a colored man carrying the American flag, fifers playing and drums beating. It was a quickstep march and the column of about 100 men and boys moved rapidly. All along the route the people gathered in crowds to see the strikers go by, and everybody was asking where they were going. Nobody could tell. It seemed to be a secret expedition.

Some thought they were going to the mines to camp, and but few would have been surprised had the marchers stopped at either point. The strikers as well known, had been in camp since last Friday at a point on the Mt. Pulaski road north and west of Fairlawn Park. They cleaned up the place last evening and came in on the Pugh street road east to Monroe street, turning south to Eldorado street, thence east to Jackson, south to Wood street, thence east to the Conard place near the river. Mr. Conard has about 70 acres of ground and there is ample shade. There is a very large barn on the place and in this building the strikers will find shelter when they need it. They can sleep there or get in out of the rain. They will have much better accommodations in many respects. Captain Doty will maintain the strictest camp discipline. All of the teams belonging to the delegation went along with the marchers to the new camp. It was a long march for the strikers, but when they got to the Conard place they were provided with food and then all turned in for the night. The leaders say there will be reinforcements in a few days as there are to be other marching delegations to arrive from the south and other directions. Tonight, many of the strikers will come to the city to attend the meeting at the hall at the corner of Jasper and Eldorado streets. A number of the strikers were at the meeting held there this morning at 7 o'clock. The strikers have ways of their own to induct miners who want to stay at work. How the methods to be adopted to get all the men out will work in Decatur remains to be seen. It is to be hoped that there will be no violence. The strikers insist that they do not intend to violate any law. Many of the Decatur miners say that it is their purpose to remain at work. The situation is something of a puzzle. It will be watched with interest by the public generally. Several of the miners say they do not want to be talked to by the home or visiting strikers, that they want to work, and will not stand any interference with their rights as free men under the law. They say they are not looking for trouble, but they insist that they have a right to go to and from the mines without intimidation or menace of danger by assemblies of men at their houses, on the way or at the mines. Possibly the whole affair will be settled without personal conflict or appeal to the local or state authority.

Resolution by Decatur Miners

Some of the Decatur miners have drawn up the following resolution:

Whereas, It has been claimed that the miners of Decatur have had no real reason to join the general suspension, that they are making good wages and that they lost their jobs and those who went back did so at reduced wages because men came here from Pana and other towns and offered to work for less money. Decatur men cannot forget 1894.

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Whereas, We believe that the wages and conditions under which we are working are as good as can be expected, but that if the general suspension is not won the miners in the competitive coal fields will return to work at the old prices and that our operators will not be able to get into the markets, and that we shall be in the same condition we were last winter, that we shall be without work and that some of us may again be subjects of public charity, therefore it is,

Resolved That we deem it advisable to join in the general suspension and that we call upon all the miners of Decatur to lay down their tools and help to win the great struggle that is going on to better the conditions of miners everywhere.

The committee included Thomas Hale, Asper Poli, Mark Donahue, Joe Bain, Frank Halmacher, William Payne

Another Meeting Last Night.

The Decatur miners had another meeting last night, with but few of the visiting strikers present. It was more of a conference gathering than anything else, at which it was planned that certain steps should be taken today at an early hour to persuade the miners to stop work. It was voted that in case any of the men on their way to work this morning could be induced to stay out they should be told that there would be a meeting held at Dougherty's hall at 7 o'clock this morning. That was about all that was done, excepting the adoption of a vote of thanks to Mr. Conard for providing a camping place for the visiting miners.

Caught the Men on the Way.

As early as 6 a.m. today local and visiting strikers were in the eastern part of the city in different localities to intercept miners who were on their way to work, buckets in hand. Some of the miners would stop and listen, and then go on to the mines. Others would not have anything to do with the strike pickets and would not stop. No violence was offered and so far as known no intemperate language was used. None of the men reported acts of violence on reaching the shafts. The strikers held no meeting at the hall this morning for none of the men desired to attend it to be talked to. They seemed to prefer to go into the mines so that the men gathered in crowds to see the strikers go by, and everybody was asking where they were going. Nobody could tell. It seemed to be a secret expedition.

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to think that sooner or later they will get all the men to quit at the 54-cent basis of mining are filled and the uniformity agreement is completed.

SCENES AT THE MINES.

Coal Continues to Come Up Rapidly—Large Force at the Old Shaft.

Yesterday it was claimed by the strike managers that 100 men had gone out of both shafts and that very little coal was lifted during the day. Certainly it was true that but little coal was sent away on the cars at the old shafts, but a great quantity was sold to the farmers and residents of Decatur. At the new shaft coal was sent away the same as usual on the cars and in wagons. Today business appears to be livelier than yesterday at the mines. Superintendent Armstrong says there are more men than on yesterday at work at the old shaft, where the greatest disaffection exists and that everything is all right at the new shaft. The strikers do not claim that there have been any additions to their ranks, so it can be said that the situation is really unchanged. The strike managers are fruitful in experiments and are hopeful of final success. On the other hand it is represented, as stated before, that the miners who have thus far refused to come out, will not do so, no matter how long the strikers stay here, and no matter what the local strikers say or do. Superintendent Armstrong will not pretend to give an opinion. All he will say is that he is looking after the mines and that there is plenty of work for all who want it, and further that the mines will be kept in operation at all hazards. There is to be another meeting of the local and visiting strikers at the hall tonight, when probably some new plan of operations will be adopted.

The Officers.

The county and city authorities are having something of a rest just now, but they are on the alert just the same, in anticipation of possible disturbances or assaults. They keep posted as to the movements of the strikers. Should any attempt be made to do any violence it will be checked promptly. None of the strikers are permitted to gather in groups in any part of the city.

Hard to Overcome.

The striking delegations from out of town say that they have a hard time trying to get the Decatur men to forget what Pana and other cities did during the strike of 1894, when there was a strike on in Decatur. All of the Decatur men were out then and no coal was mined here for a good while, but all through that fight the Pana miners refused to quit sending coal into Decatur. Train loads of coal came here and Decatur people had all the coal they wanted and consequently the strike was a failure. Many of the men lost their jobs and those who went back did so at reduced wages because men came here from Pana and other towns and offered to work for less money. Decatur men cannot forget 1894.

THE COAL STRIKE

Injunction Forbidding Miners to March in Pittsburgh District Made Permanent—Situation in West Virginia—Operators Decide to Run Their Mines.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 18.—Judges Stowe and Collier handed down their opinion this morning making the preliminary injunction forbidding the miners to march, permanent. The striking miners are encamped near the New York and Cleveland Gas and Coal Co.'s mines and did not march this morning. They intended to start for the mines, and march till stopped by the sheriff. At Turtle Creek they formed a line, but when ready to start found the sheriff had anticipated the movement and had placed a force of deputies just outside the camp. The march was at once abandoned and parties of two to six were detailed to patrol the vicinity of the mine and report the number of men going to work. The leaders propose to harass the deputies and the Decatur miners refused to quit sending them to read the injunction to every striker separately. If possible they say 20,000 strikers are in the district, and it will keep the deputies busy reading.

Situation Serious in West Virginia.

Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 18.—The local coal situation is growing serious. The City Gas works' supply is short of coal at double the usual price, and slack brings as much as coal need to fetch. Five hundred families are in need of coal and manufacturers are hampered for fuel. There is no notable change in the strike situation in this district.

To Break the Mine Strike.

Cleveland, Aug. 18.—A very important meeting of the operators of the Pennsylvania mines was held in Cleveland yesterday and a movement was started to break the coal miners' strike. It was decided to open the mines of the Pittsburgh district at once and operate them without further delay, forcibly if necessary. It was also decided that all local sold at the 54 cent basis of mining this year should be mined at that price.

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price of mining until the contracts made

at the 54-cent basis of mining are filled and the uniformity agreement is completed.

The Miners Raid Coffeen.

Hillsboro, Ill., Aug. 18.—Six hundred striking coal miners, eight abreast, invaded Coffeen yesterday afternoon throwing aside the deputy sheriffs doing guard duty and going through the town pell-mell. The officials ordered the guards not to shoot, but they began making arrests as fast as possible. Gen. Bradley was the first man placed under arrest, and three guards came to this city with him. He is now in the county jail. The other prisoners are on the way here. No shots were fired and no blood was shed. The invasion was for the purpose of inducing the men at work at the mine there to cease and join the strike. The sheriff will increase his force of deputies and the invaders will be compelled to leave town or there will be a conflict.

The "general" seemed to enjoy the situation and when landed in the court house here, good naturedly demanded a trial. A voluminous complaint was prepared, charging the "general" and others with unlawful assembling and refusing to disperse when ordered. Bradley will be tried at once, and it is expected that a large number of his sympathizers will be here to see that he gets a fair trial. The whole county is aroused over the affair and public opinion is divided. A telegram from Mt. Olive merchants to Bradley stated that they would furnish all the bail required.

At Strikers' Mercy.

Coffeen, Ill., Aug. 18.—Last night the strikers were in possession of the town, and Sheriff Randle mustered in a handful of men at the coal company's shaft, which he says he will protect at all hazards. The town authorities are utterly powerless, as the strikers do as they will.

Governor Tanner refused to send troops in answer to an appeal from Sheriff Randle.

The town authorities are utterly powerless as the strikers can do as they wish. The people feel very indignant towards the governor for the stand he has taken in regard to Coffeen. It was through his representative, Mr. Ray, that the force of deputies was reduced.

COAL OPERATORS CONFER.

Meeting in Chicago Decided That Mines Will Not Be Opened at Advance in Mining Rate.

Chicago, Aug. 18.—A conference of Illinois and Indiana coal operators, at which eleven of the principal ones were present was held this morning and considered the strike situation. The opinion is unanimous that there will be no resumption of work at prices higher than those paid when the strike was ordered. It was stated that any other course is impossible owing to the outstanding contracts which do not expire until May next.

Getting Out at Fairmount, W. Va.

Fairmount, W. Va., Aug. 18.—One hundred and ninety Montana mine campers were arrested this morning for marching in violation of the injunction. Twenty-four of them were taken to Clarksburg. The organizers claim the men did not know they were violating the injunction. Public sympathy runs high in favor of the miners. Business men are arranging meetings and petitions are being signed and there is more likelihood of a general laying down of tools than at any time since the strike began.

MARCHERS QUIT D'ARMIT.

Ordered to Do So By Their Leaders as Further Disturbances Would Be Used—Plans.

Pittsburgh, Aug. 18.—The indications are that the demonstration against the D'Armit mines are at an end and that there will be no more marching. Uriah Bellingham, one of the leaders at Plum Creek, arrived there from Pittsburgh at noon and calling the men together he told them of the adverse decision of the court, making the injunction permanent. He said: "There will be no further use of remaining in camp as no more food will be furnished. You had better go home to your families and find work where you can." There is considerable murmuring among the men, but soon about 200 started for home and the others soon followed Bellingham, Kelley, Tom Linson, who are in charge at Plum Creek, took the train for Pittsburgh, abandoning the camp and the demonstration against the D'Armit mines. The mine managers expect all the men to work tomorrow. The coal operators are preparing for an aggressive move to break the strike. There will be a general meeting tonight, at which arrangements will be made to start part of the mines at once. The expense of starting these mines will be borne by all operators. If the old men refuse to go to work, the new men will be brought in.

President Dolan said if the operators carried out their threat to start the mines he would keep on marching and would establish a camp in every mine they attempted to start.

TREASURY OFFICIALS HOPEFUL.

Many Now Believe That Despite the Anticipating Importing the Dingley Law Will Result in a Surplus the First Year.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Officials of the

Art in Architecture.

DESIGNED AND WRITTEN ESPECIALLY FOR THIS PAPER.

This neat cottage will cost \$800 built upon a post foundation, and \$1,250 if built upon a 12-inch brick foundation. There are six rooms, as follows: Parlor, 12 by 13 feet; living-room, 12 by 13 feet; kitchen, 10 by 10 feet; two chambers, 8 by 10 feet and 8 feet by 11 feet 6 inches, and one bedroom, 7 feet by 8 feet 6 inches. The parlor is provided with a fireplace, having a hardwood mantel. The parlor and living-room are separated by a cased opening.

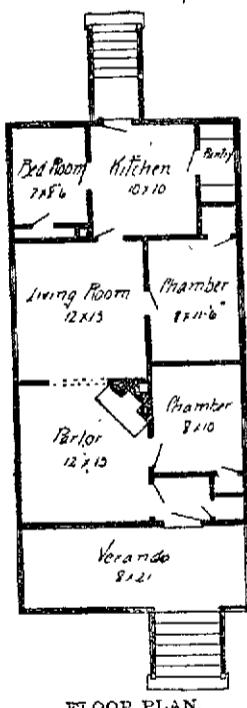
The chambers and bedroom have large closets. The kitchen is provided with a large pantry. The veranda is 8 by 22 feet. The height of story is 9 feet 6 inches; floor joists, 2 by 10;



FRONT ELEVATION.

studding, 2 by 4; roof rafters, 2 by 4; American glass throughout; narrow siding for front; cedar shingles for roof; composition carving for gable; double floors, with tar paper between; fence flooring for sheathing, with felt paper between it and siding; press brick for chimney. The roof shingles will look well painted. Exterior of house may be painted white with yellow trimmings. Veranda floor should be painted a dark gray. The veranda posts are 4½ by 4½ inches, and the bottom of veranda is sided with narrow siding. The front door has one large plate glass. The attic can be divided off into rooms if so desired. This will necessitate the addition of a stairway which is not shown upon the plan.

All gutters, downspouts and flushings will be of tin. All plastering will be two-coat work. The interior finish will be Georgia pine, finished in hard oil. All doors leading to chambers are 8 feet 6 inches by 7 feet. The kitchen



FLOOR PLAN.

sink is white enameled iron, with oak drip board. Coal rooms, fruit room, vegetable room and storeroom are in the basement.

The pantry and kitchen floors are of maple.

The parlor is tinted cream color, living room light sea green, kitchen ash color, chambers light blue color, vesti- pale maroon color.

The entire house will be finished in a superior manner and left in first-class condition for occupancy.

GEORGE A. W. KINTZ.

Decrease in Birth Rate.

It is a cause of great anxiety in France that the birth rate is less than the death rate, but the state of affairs in some portions of the United States is even more serious. While in France the birth rate is 22 per 1,000, in Nebraska it is but 16.30 per 1,000; in Maine 17.900; in New Hampshire, 18.4 per 1,000; Vermont, 18.5; California, 19.4; Connecticut, 21.3; Massachusetts, 21.5; Rhode Island has 22.5 per 1,000, a little more than France; Wyoming has 21.8 per 1,000, and Oregon 22.5. If it were not for immigration the population would be gradually falling off, and according to statistics the inhabitants of New England and the Pacific coast will be replaced by another race within a period varying from 16 to 200 years.

Wounded Plants Have Fever.

H. M. Richards, in England, has discovered in wounded plants a phenomenon corresponding to fever in animals. It runs, as does increase in respiration, a definite course and attains its maximum in about 24 hours after injury. He says that, compared with the ordinary temperature of plants in relation to the surrounding medium, the rise after the injury is "as great as, if not greater than, in animals." In massive tissues, such as potato and radishes afford, the effect of the injury was local, whereas in leaves (e.g., onion bulbs) much greater extent of tissue was synaptically affected.

TECUMSEH AND THE COMET.

Told the Indians It Was His "Arrow in Heaven."

A few days ago Ben L. Jones converted the old fort built in 1806 at Fort Hawkins into a barn. Although the old log structure has stood the storm of shot and shell and has been exposed to all the varying changes of weather since that early period, not an unsound timber is to be seen in it to-day. The logs of which it was constructed are as solid and sound as they were at first. The fort was made of Georgia heart pine, and to-day it would burn like rosin if a match were stuck to a ragged end.

The structure was built as a government trading post or factory, where deer skins were purchased from the Indians. During the Creek war, from 1812 to 1814, it was a rendezvous and distributing point for the United States soldiers, and Maj. Phil Cook was in command. Anticipating the dangers from the torch of the treacherous red man, the whites built the fort on a high stone foundation, the floor of the wooden structure extending beyond the rock walls. Portholes were made in the extended floor so as to shoot Indians who might try to scale the walls to set fire to the woodwork.

During the famous Creek war incident by Tecumseh and his brother, who was known as the prophet, this building was in the center of the territory attacked. Tecumseh was one of the most eloquent of Indians, and when the war was begun between Great Britain and the United States he communicated with the tribes from Florida to Canada, advising them that then was the time for the Indians to reclaim their lands from the whites. He read in an eastern paper that a comet would appear in the sky at a given time. So he notified the Indians that when his arrow appeared in the heavens it would be a sign for them to attack the whites. Old Fort Hawkins perhaps was more vigorously attacked in pursuance of this order than was any other in the country.

The fort received its name from Hon. Benjamin Hawkins, a senator from North Carolina, who had been appointed a commissioner to Georgia to draw up a treaty with the Creek Indians.

The building which Mr. Jones has converted into a barn is a historical curiosity, and interesting volumes might be written about the scenes and tragedies that have taken place around it.—*Macon (Ga.) Telegraph.*

CURE YOUR RHEUMATISM.

Steal a Dishrag and Rub Yourself with It Every Morning.

"You see that I haven't a particle of rheumatism," said the man with a florid face and a voice that was intended by nature for campaign purposes.

"I feel like a two-year-old. Never have an ache or pain. Don't pay a particle of attention to east winds, rains or changes in the temperature. Eat three meals a day and sleep like a top. A year ago I went around smelling like a bottle of horse liniment. One time I'd be on crutches. Then I'd have an arm drawn all out of shape or a shoulder that was of no earthly use. The last spell I had was with my back and I was about ready to throw up the sponge.

"What did I do for it? Everything under the sun. I had horse chestnuts in every pocket. I carried potatoes till they petrified. I ate lemons till I was as sour as I looked. I took more kinds of medicine than you can find in any one drug store. I was in a hoisted state for six months from hot baths. I was massaged into a pulp. I traveled 300 miles to have the disease charmed away and had it worse coming back than I did going.

"One day I met a little old man that must have been 100. He was as spry as a kitten, yet assured me that from the time he was 35 to 70 there was nothing of him but trouble. Even his hair ached. He advised me to steal a dishrag and rub myself thoroughly with it every morning. There was no virtue in the treatment unless I stole the rag.

"I would have riobed a bank to get relief. One afternoon I slipped through the back door of a house into the kitchen, grabbed a dishrag and started to limp away. A 200-pound hired girl let out a Tipperary screech and took after me with a mopsick. By the time she had clouted me once or twice I was running like a professional and at the end of half a block I was out of reach of her weapon. I've never had a twinge since. I don't know whether the hired girl, the pounding, the running or the dishrag cured me. I'm rather disposed to think that the rheumatism was scared out of me."—*Detroit Free Press.*

Freedom of the City.

The freedom of the city was once more than the empty form it now is. When a monarch was making the tour of his dominions, or a nobleman or public character visited a city, it was customary to present him with the key of the citadel, and an address which signified, in one case, the submission and loyalty of the population, and in the other the desire of the people to honor the visitor. Now the freedom of the city of London or Paris is tendered to guests of the nation, or notable public characters, whom it is for any cause desirable to honor. The ceremony now consists in a formal presentation, sometimes of a large key, which is made for the purpose, and always of an address written on parchment and generally contained in an ornamental box. The freedom of the city of London was thus tendered to Gen. Grant during his tour round the world. As practiced in the United States the freedom of the city is a humorous ceremony, generally caricaturing the solemn performances of European capitals.—*Chicago Inter Ocean.*

London's Parks.

London has added to its parks until they occupy a fourth of the city's area. They have added to the health and prosperity of the metropolis, and the Londoners could not be persuaded to part with any of them.—*N. Y. Sun.*

Is It a Cure-All.

Oh No; But Say, You Came Near It—It's a Cure Always.

Good for everything means good for nothing. Knowing one thing thoroughly means success.

That's why Doan's Kidney Pills are a success.

They know all about the kidneys.

: And that is enough to know.

If you ever had kidney complaint you would say so.

Think of a backache ten years long.

Don't smile—that's the only way to measure it.

And to measure the misery—that's impossible.

Thousands have had backache longer still.

Because they did not know what it was.

The kidneys knew all the time.

And kept on aching.

And then something worse followed.

Don't think it takes years to follow,

though.

Sometimes only a few weeks or days.

And urinary troubles set in.

Differing in constitutional kind.

To some it brings Diabetes.

To others gravel or kidney stones.

And the last and GRAVEST, Bright's Disease.

Doan's Kidney Pills know all this.

It is in their line—they're made for it.

But their success does not lie in knowing it.

But knowing it they cure it.

Ask any who has used them.

For any stage of kidney complaint.

From backache to Bright's Disease.

Through all urinary disorders.

From excess of urine.

No, not a cure-all, but a cure always.

And thousands of testimonials tell it.

Watch all Doan's Kidney Pills advertisements.

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For sale by Bell, the druggist, price 50 cents per box. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Company, Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States.

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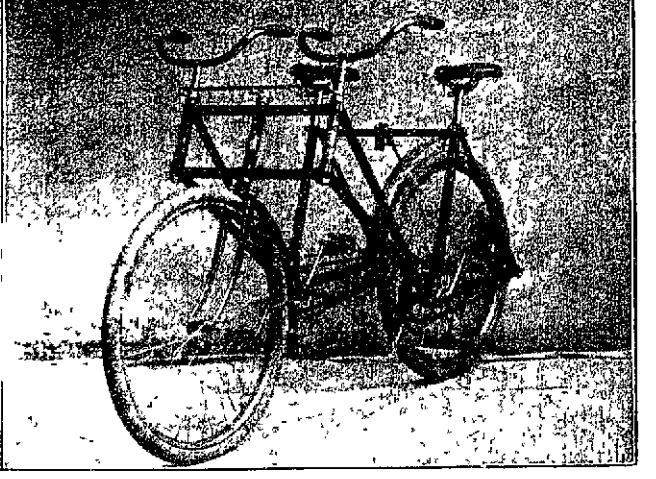
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LOCAL NEWS.

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Sabbath school will not be held at Long Creek church next Sabbath morning, but at the camp ground at 9 a.m.

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The Wabash will run a 60 cent round trip excursion to Buffalo for the assembly on McIntyre Day, Saturday, August 21.

Next Tuesday will be Epworth League day at the camp meeting east of the city. The young peoples' societies at all places near Decatur have been invited to be present.

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Go via the Banner Route (Wabash) to Chicago for \$2, August 21 and 22.

What kind of stories do bold headed men prefer? Hair raising stories, of course.

To accommodate the G. A. R. and their friends the Wabash will run their train No. 4 on Sunday, August 22, leaving Decatur at 11:30 a.m. This train will have through cars arriving at Buffalo the next morning.—13-d146

Tonight the Epworth League of Long Creek church will entertain their friends in the church yard with ice cream and all the refreshments of the season. A number will go out from the city.

On complaint of Fred Bonifield two boys named Charles Cushing and George Crawford, arrested for assaulting the complainant, were before Justice Hardy. Cushing was fined \$8 and costs. Crawford was discharged.

Go via the Wabash to Chicago on their \$2 excursion of Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22.—13-d146

The young ladies' F. M. society of the M. E. church at Elwin, scored a success last week at their lawn social in the yard of Mr. U. R. Mallory. They have raised enough money this year to maintain a student in one of the missionary schools of India for the coming year.

The big fish fry eight miles southwest of Decatur, will be held September 9. The people are preparing to furnish dinner and supper for a multitude of people. About 300 pounds of fish will be ordered for the event and chickens by the dozen will be served.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for fine and medium grade buggies, surreys, road wagons, and also the old reliable Peter Schuttler and Moline farm wagons.—July 19 d&w2mo

The state university has just moved into its new \$180,000 library building—the handsomest structure on the grounds. An \$80,000 central heating plant is also under construction. The plant will be of incalculable value to the mechanical and electrical engineering students.

The contract for building the bridge across Mosquito creek, five miles southwest of Boddy, has been awarded to the King bridge company, whose bid was \$810. The bridge will be located near the farm of Dan Zettell.

In the circuit court yesterday Lida Wheeler filed a bill for divorce from Charles Wheeler. She says they were married in October, 1878, and lived together until May 14, 1896. She says he is a drunkard and abusive and unfit to educate or control their two children, Rosie and Lola. One is 16 and the other 13.

Remember the Coming Event—Fresh Oysters—commencing August 20. Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.

Telephone 344. Aug. 16 d1f

Two warrants were sworn out yesterday by Dr. Cass Chenoweth, charging William Winston with burglary and petit larceny. Winston is now in jail. He was arrested last week for having property stolen from Mrs. C. A. Brodus. It will be remembered that Dr. Chenoweth had a watch and other property stolen about a month ago from his room.

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Why is a dog's tail like a weak, old man? Because it is in firm.

Judge Benjamin R. Burroughs of the Appellate Court of Illinois, will give a short course of lectures before the law students of the University of Illinois on the "Law of Real Estate." His ability and experience as a jurist and his great interest in legal education will attract much attention to his subject. Other gentlemen of high standing before the bench or at the bar will bring their help to the aid of the school of law at the state university.

Edna Fremont yesterday celebrated her fifth birthday by giving a party to a number of her little friends at her home on North Main street. The little folks passed the afternoon in playing games and refreshments were served. The hostess received many pretty presents. Those present were: Mary Ellen Deetz, Edna Fremont, Ruth Williams, Jesse and Ike Lowery, Marlie Carlson, Dot and Zoe Stine, Clara Clark, Bertha Deetz, Harry Bloomquist. The children were entertained by Misses Fannie Fremont and Cecil Clark.

This afternoon the funeral of the late Charles Bartholomew, the despondent barber who committed suicide in the Syndicate block, took place this afternoon from the Ballard chapel. Only a few people were present and the services which were brief, were conducted by Rev. W. F. Gilmore, pastor of Grace M. E. church. The interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

The officers have kept pretty busy these days, all on the alert until a late hour every night. Peace and rest do not come until the midnight hour and then the night men say there is no sure thing about anything. Some of the police are aging rapidly.

Fred Norman has taken charge of the barber shop in the Busher building on South Water street, formerly conducted by A. T. Gross.

Mr. Norman will have the shop overhauled and fitted up in good shape. Several good barbers will be at the chairs. Norman prices will prevail.

It is stated that in all probability the Springfield strikers will remain with us several months, as they have decided to stay until all the local mines quit.

The Decatur Coffin company have stopped work for several days in order to repair their machinery.

THE BIG RACES.

List of a Few of the More Important Horses to Go on the Track.

The entries in the coming races of the Decatur Trotting association closed Monday, but entries that have been sent by mail will be coming in for a day or two yet. All such entries dated Aug. 18 will be received by the association. Decatur never had so much good talent at a race meeting as will be here this year, and the entry list will be even larger than last year, although this year there are but 11 races, while last year there were 12.

A few of the notable entries in the free for all trot are the following:

Free for All Pace—Coleridge, 2:05 1/2. Who has won every race in which he has been entered this year, and is one of the most noted horses on the turf; Earhart, 2:09 1/2; Dick Wilkes, 2:09 1/2; Hooker, 2:11; Josephine, 2:12; Steel Prince, 2:07 1/2; and others.

Free for All Trot—Bessie Wilton, 2:00 1/2. Dandy Jim, 2:00 1/2; MoW, 2:12 1/2; Cald, 2:14 1/2; Jimmie Hague, 2:13 1/2; King Warlock, 2:18; Pray Tell, 2:12; and others.

COOK SPENT \$30,000.

Tried Three Times for the Murder of Miss Minnie Bennett of Marion.

The third trial of Eddie Cook for the murder of Miss Bennett, of Marion, in 1895, resulted in the jury at Havana failing to agree. They stood 7 to 5 for acquittal.

The case has been bitterly contested from beginning to end. The defense has been represented by able criminal attorneys in the persons of A. J. Barr, of Bloomington and T. T. Beach, of Lincoln. It has been as ably prosecuted by the young state's attorneys, Fuller, of DeWitt and Anderson of Lincoln. The failure of the jury to agree is a disappointment all around, as both sides expected a verdict their way. The first time Cook was given a 14 year penitentiary sentence at Lincoln; then he was found guilty of manslaughter under the indefinite law, at Havana. It is said that Cook's fortune of \$80,000 is nearly exhausted and that he cannot fight the case much longer.

Sent the Money

Some \$39 that have reposed in the National Bank of Decatur for the past few years have been forwarded to the treasurer for the Grant Monument association.

Several years ago this money was subscribed by patriotic persons of Decatur who admired General Grant and the money was paid to J. R. Mosser, who was the treasurer of the local association. Soon after the movement was started here Mr. Mosser died and since then the money has laid idle in the bank. Yesterday it was decided to send it to the treasurer of the monument association and the money will be used for the purpose originally intended.

A Missionary Social.

On Thursday evening, August 19, the Womans Foreign Missionary society of Grace M. E. church will give a musical program, for the benefit of their society.

Miss Hamlin will render a vocal solo and there will be music on the violin, piano and mandolin. Admission only 10 cents.

Excursion to Chicago.

On Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22, the Illinois Central railroad will run a cheap excursion to Chicago. The fare for the round trip will be \$2.

Married.

Robert Davis and Mrs. William Combs, both of this city, were married on August 16 by Rev. M. B. Spey at the United Brethren parsonage. They will make their home for the present at the restaurant on South Main street, which is conducted by Mrs. Combs.

116th Regiment Reunion.

The annual reunion of the veterans of the old 116th Illinois regiment, their families and invited friends, will be held at Fairlawn park tomorrow. Dinner will be served at 12:30 o'clock. Hacks will run to the grounds for the accommodation of those who do not have vehicles.

Sales of Real Estate.

A. T. Grist to W. F. Bush, residence property in block 6, South addition; \$1100.

Michael Scott to Bernard Connor, lots 5 and 6, block 1, R. R. addition to Macomb; \$850.

David M. Garver to Frederick Mattes, tract of land in 20 and 21, 17, 8 east; \$7200.

Oscar May Go.

It is said that Dr. H. H. Oscar, pastor of the First Methodist church at Champaign, formerly of Decatur, is contemplating leaving Illinois Conference the coming year. A member of his congregation, one of his warm personal friends, states that Dr. Oscar had an urgent call to go to Madison, Wis., and become pastor of the First church there. He has made no final answer to the call, it is understood.

Camp Meeting.

The camp meeting near Long Creek station begins on Saturday night this week, the 21st inst. There will be three services each day at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Among the preachers to assist Pastor Danely will be the Rev. A. Anthony, of Springfield. A hack will leave West's drug store every day at 9 a.m. and 8 p.m. for the grounds. Fare 20 cents for the round trip. First hack will go next Sabbath morning at 9 a.m. Call old phone 581 the day before you wish to go. If possible, so hacks enough can be furnished for all.

Seed Wheat.

Having many calls from our farmer friends for seed wheat, we have purchased several cars of choice wheat for seed purposes from southern Michigan. This wheat is called the "Pool" wheat, a long berry variety, and yielded 40 bushels per acre this year, and coming from a good wheat country and being a hardy variety we have every reason to believe it will prove very satisfactory.

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CHICKEN WITH A WOODEN LEG.

One Down at Sidney Which Thinks Itself the Whole Lumber Yard.

Champaign Gazette: Sidney is the home of the most wonderful member of the fowl family in all Champaign county.

It is a chicken with a wooden leg, and who has been the happy and apparently proud possessor of it only since last Saturday, uses it with as much grace and ease as though it had been attached to her all the days of her life.

That hen had been hopping around on one yellow leg ever since the days of her chickhood, when she got in the way of a slug of iron sent whizzing from a "nigger shooter" in the hands of one of the small boys of the village.

Last Saturday when the Champaign accommodation pulled up at the Sidney station a number of passengers changed cars and among them was a traveling salesman, always looking for something to do. In a flock of chickens feeding near the depot he spied this one legged chicken hopping about as best it could in its effort to get its share of what there was to eat. He became interested at once and as he had considerable time to spend waiting for his train, declared he would set to it that the one legged veteran was provided with as many legs as any other chicken in the flock, if it cost him a day's labor.

First he captured the chicken, found that perhaps two inches of a stub of the leg remained and then set about his work of making the chicken happy. With but little searching in the village he found a cane fishing pole, the smallest end of it being about the size of the only leg of which the chicken could boast. Getting the exact measurements as to length he set out to make that chicken a wooden leg, the stub of leg being inserted in the hollow of the cane, and in less than a half hour that chicken was walking around the proudest chicken in town.

"I saw the whole performance," said a Champaign man, "and it was really surprising the grace with which the one legged chicken handled the new member. When it strolled over into the flock of chickens after the leg had been securely attached it was laughable to see how they looked at it and one big rooster strutted past as if to say to the chicken which had one leg in the grave: 'You don't need to be afraid you are the

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Dancing Saints.

Curious Medieval Custom Surviving in Luxembourg.

Modern civilization is fast improving ancient customs off the face of the earth, yet a unique ceremony, a relic of paganism adopted by the accommodating Church of the Middle Ages, still takes place in the little old world town of Echternach, in the grand duchy of Luxembourg. Every Whit-Tuesday a vast multitude of persons from far and near assemble and form the procession of Dancing Saints (Springende Heiligen), in order to induce Heaven to cure all their ailments. Rich and poor, young and old, weak and strong, halt and remain, take their stand upon the Prussian side of the Sure bridge at eight o'clock, and after listening to a sermon dance to the abbey and thence round the tomb of St. Willibrod, the patron saint. The procession is headed by the town beadle, dressed in red and surrounded by small boys; next come choristers chanting litanies, then a large body of clergy too strong, and last the rank and file. These are placed in rows of seven, kept in line by handkerchiefs, sticks and umbrellas, and interspersed with the motley crew are musicians playing dance music upon every conceivable instrument, while the dancers sing the classic tune as they perform a polka step, three steps forward and two back.

Soon the pace begins to tell; the feeble fall out of the ranks and are promptly rescued and placed in safety by the firemen. Enthusiasm waxes, men and women weep violently as they progress toward the high altar, which they encircle thrice, and at one o'clock, a salute announces that the festival is over.

More than a thousand years ago, when Willibrod, the hero saint of Luxembourg, died at Echternach, a terrible affliction smote all cattle; they were seized with a dancing madness, a frenzied destructive alike to themselves and others. Even in those early times the star of homeopathy had dawned, so the people danced in order to prevent their animals doing so. The effect was marvelous; the cattle regained their sanity, and, seeing this, the people continued to dance on their own account for all kinds of illness, but especially for hysteria and St. Vitus' dance. Everybody danced, and the old and infirm, unable to foot it themselves, performed the pilgrimage by proxy, with an equally good result. From time to time efforts were made to stop the ceremony, but this resulted in a return of the cattle plague, showing that the saint was not to be defrauded of his annual homage, so that it had to be resumed, and the number of pilgrims increases yearly. But, alas! a schism has arisen, introduced by a lazy and short-winded generation. The schismatics, chiefly Germans, began by resting for eight minutes after the starting signal; they then dance 30 steps forward, but instead of retreating rest for another eight minutes, while the orthodox dance back; and, repeating this, they arrive at the church door as soon as the other pilgrims and in a far fresher condition.—Gentlewoman.

HORSE AT SCHOOL.

Knew the Students by Their Badges and Called When He Was Late.

"One reads so many stories about animal intelligence that it would be hazardous for a doubter to express his disbelief in almost any gathering of men at the present day," remarked Dr. W. H. Watkins the other day. "A little instance came within my own observation a number of years ago when I was studying medicine, and which convinced me that the members of the horse family at least, ought to be credited with the possession of a very considerable quantity of reasoning power."

It was the custom for the students at the medical institution at which I pursued my studies to wear a small badge upon their coats to distinguish them from others at the college. A horse belonging to the establishment was used a great deal about the medical department, and the animal seemed to have a special preference for the embryo doctors more than for any other people about the establishment.

One day, while a number of us were gathered in a little knot upon a small campus in the rear of the college, the animal in question, which used to nip the grass in the location, came toward the group limping very badly.

He came to a stop a dozen or more feet from the crowd, and,

carefully surveying the lot of us, finally made up his mind as to what he wanted to do, and without any hesitation limped directly to my side, whinnyed, stuck his nose against my body and held up his left foreleg.

Looking down I discovered a large nail imbedded

in the frog of his hoof. This had evidently caused the lameness.

I then realized the interesting fact that the animal desired attendance.

I extracted the nail with some difficulty, and the horse whinnyed with relief and walked away.

Rather curious as to why the beast had picked me out to attend to his wound, I glanced at the boys and found the solution to the problem. Not

one of the group had his medical badge upon his coat but myself.

The horse had recognized the insignia, and acted accordingly.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Fats Preparation.

"Don't you throw off anything because of the big holes in these doughnuts?" asked the new wife of the baker.

"I'll tell you," scratching his chin, "eat the doughnuts and we'll make a liberal allowance when you return the holes."—Detroit Free Press.

WEDDING FROM THE OUTSIDE.

Neighboring Comments on the Bride, Her Family and Her Fete.

Summer Resort That Lies Within the Arctic Circle.

Five Hundred Miles North of the Town of Hammerfest — Not Very Pretentious, But Comfortable, Unique in Its Line.

The most northern hotel in the world and probably the coolest resort to be found anywhere during the summer months is situated on the inhospitable and ice-bound shore of Advent bay, where it washes the west coast of Spitzbergen. It is an odd-looking northwestern edifice, culled in the vernacular "Tourist hytten" — that is, tourist hotel. It has been opened for its first season this year, a season necessarily short in the arctic regions, extending from July 10 to August 18. Its accommodations include 30 beds, and it is now announced that the great increase of tourist travel to the gate of the arctic regions has made the establishment of a post office in the hotel a necessary feature. The hotel is situated in an approximate latitude of 78 degrees 15 minutes north.

Persons who have made the cruise of the Norwegian waters for the purpose of delighting in the mysteries of the midnight sun, and who have fondly imagined that in the town of Hammerfest, situated somewhat south of the 71st parallel of north latitude, they met with the last stage of civilization, as far as civilization is represented by hotel life, will now find that they were not quite so far out of the world as they thought they were. This little hotel is 500 miles farther north than Hammerfest. Some idea of its extreme northern situation can be gained when it is stated that even the quarters of the present Jackson-Harmsworth expedition in Franz-Josephland are hardly 150 miles nearer to the pole. Compared with other high northern points which have in one way or another become prominent, the ones which most forcibly suggest themselves are those which have been associated with the various arctic expeditions.

Thus, says the Washington Star, the hotel and post office occupy nearly the same latitudinal position as where, on the west coast of Greenland, Kane lost his life in 1850. The hotel and post office are situated on the same spot as the old fort of the Peary expedition of '91-'92, was situated on approximately latitude 77 degrees 43 minutes, and Anniversary Lodge, on Bowdoin bay, on very nearly the same lines, and therefore some 40 miles south of the hotel and post office of Advent bay, Spitzbergen. It is difficult to realize that an appointed hotel should exist at a point the latitudinal position of which is removed only 550 miles from the farthest point reached by Nansen during his late remarkable arctic venture. Spitzbergen, like the north of Greenland, still remains a "No Man's Land." But it is expected that before long it will become a possession of Norway.

The hotel itself is not very pretentious so far as looks are concerned. It is but one and a half stories high, and has a diminutive porch at the front. It is built of wood, that being the only substance as well as the warmest to be obtained in the arctic regions. Its timbers are heavy, as they must indeed be to withstand the blinding storms of the winter season. Inside, it is roomy and generally contains provisions enough to guard against being snowed up for a long time. The mail which goes to and from the little post office is conveyed by special messenger to the northern terminus of the steamship service, which connects with the Svalbard islands. The intermediate passage is not as perilous, especially during the summer months, as might be imagined. In fact, in that region the ice breaks and leaves the landscape comparatively clear during July and August, so that the effete summer tourist may make an arctic trip with little if any more discomfort than he would have in going to Europe.

Provisions are brought to the hotel in the same way, and it may, for the reason that there is always a good supply on hand, come to be viewed as a haven of safety by future arctic explorers who fail to make connections with the pole. At any rate it is unique of its kind and certainly stands without parallel as an objective point for tourists.

Blue Eyes Suffer Most.

It has been observed that gray and blue eyes are more likely to be seriously affected by intense electric light than brown eyes. In some of these cases total blindness has resulted. Oculists ascribe the trouble to two causes, the intensity of the light and the action of the ultra-violet rays. It is recommended that uranium glass, which is yellow, or some other transparent substance that will intercept ultra-violet rays, be interposed between the eye and any powerful light.

Hebrews in Jerusalem.

During the last few years nearly 150,000 Hebrews have entered Jerusalem, and the arrival of another host is said to be imminent. Already the railways are opening the country between the coast and Jerusalem and Damascus, and a Hebrew migration on a large scale may cause Syria to become once more of vast importance in the east.

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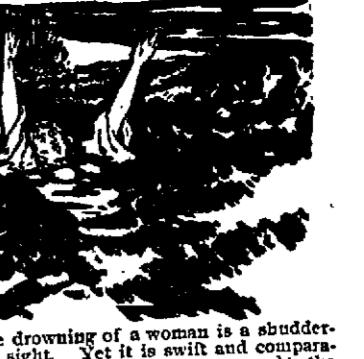
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The drowning of a woman is a abdunder-

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SCARS ARE CAREFULLY NOTED.
Means by Which Army Recruiting Officers Know Their Men.

While good many people know in a general way of the Bertillon system for the identification of criminals, comparatively few know of the simple method which Uncle Sam has been using for a number of years past to keep track of the men who eat his rations and wear his uniform in the regular army. The system employed by the war department might be termed the "scars method," and is at once simple and ingenious. It does away with all apparatus except a vertical measuring rod and a pair of scales. It is known as "the scar system," and has been found wonderfully effective.

There is an unwritten theory in the army that every man who enlists will at some time or other desert. This is not entirely true, but the desertions are numerous enough to make it worth while to keep track of the offenders. In war the penalty for desertion is death, but in peace it is a long term of imprisonment, and the subject is liable to punishment no matter how long a term has elapsed since his offense was committed. Strange as it may seem, the men who desert most readily are the ones who straightforwardly go back and enlist again, though usually in some remote section of the country.

"The recruiting card," as it is called,

is large enough to contain two six-inch squares of a man's form, front and rear view, with a good-sized border for marginal notes.

When the recruit is stripped for his physical examination he is gone over from head to foot, and

every appreciable scar or permanent skin blemish is recorded.

Its location is accurately noted by a dot on the card and its description is written on the margin. The hands and face usually have the greatest number of scars,

but those on the body are apt to be the more pronounced and characteristic,

as it is usually a more severe wound that penetrates the clothing and leaves its record on the flesh beneath.

Moles are also noted, their color and dimensions, and other birthmarks or blemishes that would not ordinarily disapp

ear with time.

The question may arise as to what if a man have no scars, moles or birthmarks? That would be enough to identify him, for in all the thousands of men who have been catalogued by the department there has never been one who bore less than three clearly-defined scars, while seven or eight is the usual number, and there are some cases where the number runs up to 30 or 35. Further, so infinite are the chances of combination that there have never been two individuals whose height, weight and the number and location of their scars came anywhere near coinciding.

—Washington Star.

PATRON OF THE PLAY.

Because Such by Chance, Much to the Delight of His Boy.

There was a little theatrical episode last winter that has only thus far been given private circulation. There is a very estimable resident of Piley Hill whose boast had been that he had never entered a playhouse of any kind. He was proud of his abstinence, and his prejudice against the theater grew with years.

He has a son who does not inherit this objection to the stage, yet upon whom the injunction to keep away from it was laid almost every day. But the command was secretly disobeyed, till one night it came to the ears of the old gentleman that the boy was at the theater. Requisition was promptly made upon all members of the family at home to help the head of it into his great coat, overshoes, hat and earlaps. When he started the click of his cane on the flagstones could be heard for blocks, and told of a disturbed state of mind. As soon as the car reached the theater he invested in a ticket and entered. There was a silence and a concentrated interest so impressive that he tip-toed to the nearest seat to look for the boy instead of calling out his name or rushing around in search of him.

The villain was in the ascendant as the father took his first look at the stage. He forgot his prejudice in his sympathy for the heroine. As the actors ran the gamut of human feeling he wiped his eyes, laughed uproariously, pounded the floor with his cane, shouted: "Hear! hear!" as he did at temperance meetings, and when every other sensation gave way to rejoicing in the triumph of right, the old gentleman was on his feet, clapping his gloves to shreds while he bemoaned over every one about him. He found the scared boy and simply knocked him speechless by dilating on the grand moral of the play all the way home. Now the "governor" always asks that they be given seats pretty well to the front, and he's a good deal more enjoyable man at home than he used to be.—Detroit Free Press.

What the Tramp Wanted.

A Portland clergyman has lost his old-time confidence in mankind. There came to him the other day a man who said he had not had a square meal in a week. The minister gave him a note to a hotel keeper, saying the man could have what he wanted, and that he (the minister) would pay the bill. A few days later the minister started out to pay the bill.

"How much do I owe for that poor fellow's meal?" he asked.

"Sixty-five cents," said the hotel man.

"What did he have that cost so much?" asked the unsuspecting minister.

"Five beers and a Manhattan cocktail,"—Kennebunk Journal.

I Was Not Slang.

"I want you to give it to me straight."

The man who used this expression was not in the habit of using slang.

Neither did he use slang on this occasion.

He was in a hardware store.

He was buying a rule.

Obviously a crooked one would not answer his purpose.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

People's Column.

Advertisement Forty words or less may be inserted in this column at the rate of 25 cents per week, payable in advance.

For Sale, For Rent, Wanted, Etc.**WANTED.**

INVALID CHAIR WANTED—A second-hand wheel chair with rubber tire and spring. Any one having such a chair for sale will call at our address 1116 R. St., ret. of late war. Decatur, Ill., Aug. 10, ret. of late war. Decatur, Ill., Aug. 10.

WANTED—Ladies to do piece work at their homes. Steady employment and good wages. Call on or address with stamp at 310 South Water street. 16-46.

WANTED—Girl to do housework. Call immediately at 240 West Leeland avenue. 14-46.

WANTED—The father of a large family wants a position in hardware, furniture or grocery store for himself and two sons, aged 21 and 18. We have had experience in southern Illinois. Reference furnished. Address "Hiram," this office, if can assist. 14-46.

WANTED—Paper hanging. With 25 years' experience I am prepared to offer my services to all persons in any part of the city.

FOR SALE. Three modern houses, well located, East room, parlor and kitchen, recently painted and in good condition. \$1,200 each. New Telephone 908. D. M. SMITH, West end Pugh street car line. Feb. 19-41.

FOR SALE—Four room house, parlor and kitchen, East room finish; newly papered; will sell at a sacrifice. Call at No. 1760 North Clinton street; new "phone" 182. 16-47.

FOR SALE—5 acres of land, good 4-room house, new gravel road, east end of Decatur, \$1,750 buys in possession given immediately. Hurry up; must be sold by March 1st. PETER H. BRUCK, Real Estate Broker, 215 North Main street. Feb. 17-47.

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FOUND—A store key, which the owner can have by calling at this office and paying for this adv. 16-48.

FOR RENT.

FON DENN—One of the largest and best located elegant stores in the city, 100 feet deep, steam heat, with fixtures complete to suit tenant at moderate rent, in the Galena Room, 233 North Water street. Apply to J. H. Brown, Room 4-48.

ARM FOR RENT—I have a fm of 50 acre E. for rent, less than a mile from corporation. It is in good condition and is suited for dairy or truck farm. R. L. WALSTON, 12-48.

THREE ROOMS FOR RENT including water, grate and toilet, at reasonable rent. Apply Pearl Oyster Fish Co., 243 North Main. 10-41.

MONEY TO LOAN.

MONEY TO LOAN—I have \$300, \$500, \$800, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$4,000, \$5,000, \$6,000, \$7,000, \$8,000, \$9,000, \$10,000, \$12,000, \$14,000, \$16,000. The above amounts are loaned to persons in good credit, to be paid back in monthly payments. JOHN A. BROWN, 142 South Main street. Aug. 11 dsaw.

MASTER IN CHANCERY'S SALE.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ss. In the Circuit Court.

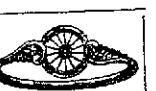
Anna B. Simons et al., Complainants, vs. William H. Tincher et al., Defendants.—In Chancery, No. 1252.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the June term of said court A. D. 1897, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Saturday, the 4th day of September, A. D. 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said town, to wit: Lot 21, in township 17, range 12, principal meridian, containing 160 acres, being described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at the corner of the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 33, township 17, range 12, principal meridian, containing 160 acres, running thence south 40 rods, then west 2 rods, to the line of beginning, containing one-half acre, more or less; also the equity of redemption in 29 acres of the west side of the southeast quarter of section 34, in township 17, range 12, principal meridian, containing 160 acres, running thence south 40 rods, then west 2 rods, to the line of beginning, containing one-half acre, more or less; also the equity of redemption in 29 acres of the west side of the southeast quarter of section 34, in township 17, range 12, principal meridian, containing 160 acres, running thence south 40 rods, then west 2 rods, to the line of beginning, containing one-half acre, more or less; 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LOCAL NEWS.

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Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Irwin's Satisfaction tooth powder whitens and preserves the teeth.

For hoarseness and sore throat use Irvin's Bronchial lozenges.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22nd.

For cuts and bruises use Irwin's Arnica healing salve.

What animal comes from the clouds? The reindeer (The rain, dear.)

We will give you choice of three trains if you go via Wabash to Chicago August 21 or 22.

Go to Spencer & Lehman's for wood pumps, iron pumps, force pumps, etc.—J19d-2mos.

Why does asparagus resemble long sermons? Because the ends are most sought after.

David Ellis has taken charge of the shoe shining stand in the barber shop under Millikin's bank.

Business in Decatur is on the upward tend and a greater feeling of confidence is everywhere manifested.

Two dollar excursion to Chicago via I. C. R. Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22.—13 dts.

Chicago and return only \$2 via I. C. R. R. Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22. Tickets on sale at city office and depot—13 dts.

The fire commissioners now wear hand-some badges of white metal with the words "Fire Commissioner, Decatur, Ill." neatly inscribed on them.

If you want the best plastering done on short notice call up 528, new 'phone. We also have the best cement for sidewalk in the city. Decatur Hard Plaster Co.—20 dts.

The Wabash run a cheap \$2 excursion to Chicago on Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22, for trains leaving at 8:45 and 11:45 a.m. of Saturday and 1:05 of Sunday morning. Do not miss this.—18 dts.

The I. D. & W. will run another of their popular Indianapolis excursions Sunday, August 15th. Special train will leave Decatur at 6:30 a.m.

6 dts.

Don't forget the 60 cent round fare trip excursion on regular trains to Buffalo on Saturday, August 21. It is the most attractive day at the Central Illinois Assembley.

Rev. R. T. Miles, formerly Methodist circuit rider at Harrisburg, has resigned his charge at West Shelbyville and gone to St. Louis, where he will engage with the Rev. David Gay in securing homes for orphan children.

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The Mormon preachers who are holding meetings west of town are not creating much enthusiasm, but they seem to find encouragement and expect to make at least a few converts. Elder Stockey plays the violin and also preaches. These representatives of Utah say that the Church of the Latter Day Saints does not favor polygamy and that when the people fully understand their doctrine they will not be painted as bad after all.

SHAKE INTO YOUR SHOES

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It eases painful, swollen, smarting feet and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions. It's the greatest comfort discovery of the age. Allen's Foot-Ease makes tingling fit for new feet easy. It is a certain cure for sweating, callous, and skin diseases of the feet. Sold by oil druggists and shoe stores. For mail for 25c, postage paid. Trial package FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

D. L. VIGUS DEAD.

He Passed Away at His Home at Jacksonville at 7 O'Clock This Morning.

A WELL-KNOWN TRAVELING MAN.

Had Been Ill With Lung Trouble for a Number of Weeks—Was an Active Business Man.

The many Decatur friends and former associates of Darlus L. Vigus will be pained to learn that he died at 7:10 o'clock this morning, at his home in the city of Jacksonville, after a long and exhausting illness, due to rheumatism and lung trouble. He made a brave fight for his life, but he was so reduced physically that he could not recover, although he had the very best of medical treatment and tender nursing by his devoted wife and sister, Mrs. Georgia Wheeler.

The deceased was born at Woodburn, Ill., about 48 years ago. He was married twice, his second wife, the widow being a daughter of Dr. J. D. Wheeler. He also leaves a son, James Vigus, aged 17 years. Mr. Vigus made his home in Decatur for a long term of years and had many business and personal friends. For a period of 14 years he was in the employ of the Raco Clothing & Manufacturing company, both as manager of the factory and as a traveling man. Later, when the Columbia Manufacturing company was organized, he became the manager of the enterprise and remained in that position until the fire which destroyed part of the opera house block. That was a few years ago. After the fire the Columbia company went out of business in Decatur. The business was taken to Jacksonville, where the company of Newman, Crabtree & Vigus was formed. Mr. Vigus becoming the general manager of the factory, at the same time taking long trips on the road. Three years ago he was prostrated by a severe attack of rheumatism and he was laid up for a long time. He got out and resumed his trips only to contract a heavy cold which settled on his lungs, finally producing death. During his illness Dr. Wheeler, his brother-in-law, was frequently called to Jacksonville to consult with physicians there, in the hope of giving the patient permanent relief, but it was all without satisfactory results. At one time however, it was thought that Darlus would pull through, but there was a change for the worse.

The deceased, as stated, is survived by his wife and son, also his sisters, Mrs. Dr. Wheeler, of Decatur, and Mrs. Alice O'Bannon, of St. Louis, and a brother, Ed. L. Vigus, of Decatur.

Mr. Vigus was a member of several secret organizations and was one of the most companionable and genial traveling men on the road. He was a loving husband and father, and upright in all his dealings. He was a man of positive opinions and an uncompromising Republican, active in all party work. He loved to meet his old Decatur friends. While Jacksonville was his home, still he considered Decatur one of the best cities in the country and was always loyal to his old home and her enterprises. He was prospering in business at Jacksonville, his own energy and enthusiasm serving largely to place the enterprise on a paying basis.

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